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1. BRANDO AND THE NORWEGIANS
2. RECRUITMENT OF NORWEGIANS

AND

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No: 655, 656

8th April 1942

[Two-part message complete]

[Part I] To NORTHERN[i].

1. A Norwegian [ii], born in 1908 with whom BRANDO[iii] began working, was sent to NORWAY; on his return, he was arrested and sent to an internment camp. He is on leave from the camp until [4 groups unrecovered][iv], after which he must return there. [v]
[4 groups unrecovered] to a [obscure] in OSLO. He was in SPLIN in the International Brigade and was shell-shocked. On our enquiring about a [b] MUSICIAN[MUZYKANT][vi], introduced BRANDO to a Norwegian [vii], born in 1923. He used to live at OSLO). 's parents are living in OSLO; his father [8% is working] [4 groups unrecovered].

[36 groups unrecovered]

and

[42 groups unrecoverable]

and

[36 groups unrecovered]

[Part II] 2. On [8% 8th] April [the following][c] Norwegians came to the METRO[viii]:

[ix], born on 28th February 1925 in OSLO. He worked

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in NORWAY on tasks for the KORPORANTS[x]. On escaping from NORWAY, he was interned [B] [4 groups unrecovered].

[xi], born on 3rd March 1918 in OSLO. He worked recently as a chauffeur at the VIKING REN P. JONINGS[VIKING RI' P. JONINGS] Factory[xii] in OSLO. [1 group unrecovered] 1941 while crossing the frontier, he was arrested by the Swedes and interned in a special camp near FALUN[xiii]. In NORWAY he worked as a KORPORANT leader[RUKOVODITEL' KORPORANTOV] and took an active part in a [b] [B] plot [4 groups unrecovered].

Both gave a written undertaking to work against the Germans in NORWAY. They agreed to do any kind of work. They stated that they could establish themselves in OSLO.

[6] groups unrecovered]

for which purpose to learn the TALMUD[xiv], give the signals plan [PROGNET] a

[6] groups unrecovered]

shut up in a [b] camp.

No. 12: [d]

AK-SIO[m]

Notes: [a] or "at work"
[b] or "the".
[c] Inserted by the translator.
[d] MOSCOW No. 264 of 10th April 1942 (3/NBF/T1852) is in reply to this message.

Comments: [i] NORTHERN: MOSCOW addressee and signatory. Probably Northern Department.

[ii]

[iii] BRANDO: Unidentified covername. First occurrence.

[iv] [1 group unrecovered] A date in April.

[v]

[vi] MUSICLIN: Coverword for a R/T operator.

[vii]

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Comments: [viii] ~~METRO~~: Soviet Embassy or Legation.
(Cont'd) [ix]
[x] KORPOMANT: Literally a member of a student
fraternity. Coverword for member of
the Communist Party.
[xi]
[xii] ~~VIKING~~ REM PACKINGS Address: Gamlebyen, Svingen 16, OSLO.
Factory: The factory produces packing material
and leather strapping.
[xiii] FLEARN: Town in SWEDEN 60.35N 15.39E.
[xiv] ~~TAUNED~~: Coverword for cipher or cipher system.
[xv] ~~LEASTO~~: Col. N.I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military
and Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

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